

Educational Networks and Development of the Nonproliferation Culture – CIS Experience and Opportunities for New Regions

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Problems:

- CIS:
- Shortage of highly-qualified young officials and experts (change of generations)
- Low public awareness and lack of public initiative
- Predominance of skeptical views on prospects of nuclear disarmament
- Discontinuity between education and practical work
- Concentration of politics and studies in capitals

- **New nuclear countries:**

- Lack of experience, knowledge and consciousness
- Lack of “infrastructure” for development of nonproliferation culture and training for professionals

- **In search of solutions:**

- UN Secretary General’s report of 2002 (34 recommendations)
- “Promoting Cooperation with Civil Society toward a World without Nuclear Weapons” – joint paper, submitted by Japan
- National programs
- Joint Statement on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education (NPT RevCon 2011)

Solutions

- **Civil society action (civil campaigns, use of new technologies, including social Internet networks, etc.)**
- **“Engaging effectively and strategically with decision-makers, particularly government officials and legislators is vital to ensure success.”**
(Alyn Ware. From aspiration to success: shaping civil society action to change nuclear weapons policy. Civil Society and disarmament. UNIDIR. 2010. P.33)

BUT:

- Limited, short-term effect
- Fear of bias and lack of trust to the movements

Nonproliferation Culture

- An integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior
- The set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution, organization or group

Target Audience

- Minority: Professionals (diplomats, military, engineers, experts)
- Majority: Confident / competent / advanced user, informed electorate

Ways of Development

- Education imparts **knowledge and critical thinking** to individuals and people.
- Education can also **empower individuals and people** to make their contribution, as national and world citizens, to disarmament and non-proliferation. (Joint Statement on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education Delivered to the Conference on Disarmament at the NPT Review Conference in 2010 Meeting of Main Committee I, 11 May 2010).
- Development of **educational network and involving of young experts** into study and discussion of nonproliferation and disarmament

Russian and CIS Experience – 20 Years

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- International cooperation (universities and research centers, foundations, international organizations, etc.)
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Non multa, sed multum – Not many things, but much

- Synergy of research, training out-reach activities, energy of youth and experience of experts
- Openness
- Mobility (no bureaucracy)
- Independence
- Cost efficiency
- Promotion of young talents
- Transparency
- Unique environment for exchange of experience
- International cooperation

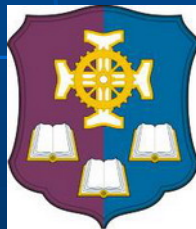
Impact of the Developed Networks

- **New knowledge** and skills put into practice
- **Multiplier effect** of the program. Several graduates of one of the program develop nonproliferation studies, shape debates involve dozens future politicians and experts in the discussion.
- **Increased linkage** between policy makers, expert and NGO communities.
- **Sustainability** of the nonproliferation regimes support.
- **Better involvement** of the expert community in policy-making

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